

We in Congress must continue to make sure that law enforcement personnel have the training and equipment they need to ensure their safety but we must also make sure that they have the tools necessary to be effective in fighting and preventing crime. To do this I have introduced legislation that will improve information sharing between local, state and federal officials—this will ensure that they will have the facts they need to fulfill the duty they have selflessly accepted.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring these brave men and women.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Police Week.

On September 11th, and the days that followed, the images of our police officers and firefighters rushing towards the toppling World Trade Center towers, as others fled for their lives, remained a constant image on our television screens. As hundreds of these valiant men and women perished on that terrible day, I was reminded of the thousands of police officers in Mississippi and across our nation, who each day put their lives in danger in the interest of our nation's welfare.

It is important that we take opportunities to commend our officers and their equally brave families for their commitment to public safety. I was proud that President Bush visited the United States Capitol yesterday to attend the 21st annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service to honor and remember the 230 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty last year.

This week I have thought a lot about Officer Ron Jones, of the Prentiss Police Department in Jeff Davis County, which is also my home county. Officer Jones lost his life the day after Christmas last year, while participating in a drug raid to halt the flow of narcotics into a city of only 1500 people. Ron Jones was a four year veteran K-9 officer who loved his job. He had a great role model. His father is the Police Chief of the same Police Department. And this family, who has devoted their life to fighting crime, and improving the very community they've grown up in, has now lost one of their own. This is a tragedy in itself. But the heartbreaking truth is that this happens in communities across our great nation every week of the year.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the legions of heroes—our police officers—who serve our country with faith, diligence and honor. We should mourn the thousands of lives unjustly lost, and honor those officers who continue to serve.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY REIMANN

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, Jerry Reimann is retiring after 36 years of service to the Berrien

County Intermediate School District in Southwest Michigan. His commitment to kids and their education will not be forgotten. Jerry has been an invaluable colleague in helping craft education policy and ensuring that our kids receive a quality education.

Jerry began his career in 1966 as a school psychologist for the Berrien County Intermediate School District. Dedicated, principled, and hard-working, Jerry's love for education led him to embrace a career within Michigan's public school system. Jerry has held a number of posts within the Berrien County ISD, including Director of Special Education and his current position as Superintendent. Under his administration, students of Berrien County have thrived. We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

I would like to personally extend my regards to Jerry for his counsel on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as well as his commitment to special education funding for Michigan's children. Jerry was able to bring to the table a local perspective during this debate over federal education initiatives. I will truly miss working with this great individual.

Good luck and God Bless.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD "DICK" W. DILLON OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who affected the lives of many people in Kansas and across the country. This month we honor the life of Mr. Richard "Dick" Dillon of Hutchinson, Kansas. Dick fulfilled many important roles in his life—each of them with integrity, passion and enthusiasm.

Dick proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for two stints, culminating in active duty service during the Korean War.

Dick's dedication to his hometown was unsurpassed. Throughout his life, he took a lead role in making certain his community of Hutchinson was progressive in pursuits of education, culture and other quality of life issues. His leadership and service on the board of directors for the community foundation, school district, hospital and church were always marked with trademark humor and a keen emphasis on questioning and listening.

Dick was, by every account, a successful businessman. Along with his brother, Ray "Ace" Dillon, Jr., and his cousin, Paul, Dick worked to develop Dillons Stores—his father's grocery business—into a nationwide retailer. It later became part of the Kroger Company family. Those whom he interacted with for over 40 years wholeheartedly agree on the impact of his vision and dedication to the business. His colleagues summed up their goodbye this way: "Dick was short on ceremony and long on giving credit to others. He helped us all walk a little taller." I can think of no finer compliment.

Most important to Dick was his family. Over the course of 50 years, he and his wife, Carolyn, raised three sons, Brad, Reed and Steve,

and devoted endless love and attention to their six grandchildren.

Dick fulfilled many important roles in his life, and in each of those roles made his community, state and nation a better place. I join his many friends and admirers in extending my deepest sympathies to Carolyn and her family during their time of loss.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM T. WARD, III

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor I take this opportunity to recognize William T. Ward, III as an exceptional individual whose contributions to the University of Southern Colorado have helped shape a positive future for the University and its students. On June 28th, William, known as Bill, will retire, leaving behind a legacy of accomplishments. It is with great pleasure that I applaud an individual who has selflessly committed his time and energy to the betterment of his community.

Bill and his family have lived in Pueblo since 1946 and their hard work helped build and uphold the principles and values of the Pueblo community. Because of Bill's devotion and dedication, it is fitting that he was elected as the President of the CSU Alumni in 1973. In 1986 he pursued a real estate career, and he ends his duties with dignity and integrity by retiring from his current position as the Director of Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Southern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor an individual who closes a chapter on a very fruitful and successful career. I commend the hard work and dedication Bill has provided to the association, and I am confident his experience and wisdom will benefit all of his future endeavors. Bill has been a model community member, and that is why I bring forth his accomplishments before this body of Congress and the nation. Bill's hard work is greatly appreciated and we salute his diligence to his community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the St. John's University mens' golf team. As I speak, they are competing in the NCAA Division Three National Championship for the 3rd consecutive year.

As a St. John's alum, I take special pride in paying tribute to Coach Bob Alpers and the players on this year's team: Sammy Schmitz, Farmington; Nathan Proshek, New Prague; Paul Ponath, St. Cloud; Josh Sherlin, Glenwood; Ben Goodman, Stillwater.

This year's team is currently ranked 13th nationally and won their third-consecutive MIAC title.

The best part about the team is that none of the guys are seniors and will, I hope be back again next year.